bucket wheel excavator has been realised from M/s. MAN.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The amount claimed as cost of rehabilitation of Bucket Wheel Excavator was based on detailed estimates of expenditure involved in dismantling, fabrication and re-erection of the damaged portion, cost of spares, steel and consumables and other incidental expenditure. Taking into account all relevant factors like the expenditure incurred by MAN for the rehabilitation of the bucket wheel excavator and MAN's withdrawal of their claim of DM 1.7255 million, an amount of Rs. 96 lakhs was realised from MAN in full and final settlement of NLC's claim.

(c) Does not arise.

NLC claim of liquidated damages

704. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 979 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1987 and state:

(a) what was the total amount of liquidated damages on accunt of delayed delivery of equipment charged against the firm and whether the same has been realised;

(b) what was the cost of rehabilitation charges claimed by NLC against the said West German firm and whether the same has been settled; and

(c) how much further amounts have been paid by the NLC to the firm during the last one year for the spreader project ending 30th April, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Liquidated damages of DM 107603 and Rs. 4050 were imposed on MAN of FRG and liquidated damages of Rs. 402186 were levied on their Indian collaborator WMI. These amounts have since been realised.

(b) NLC had claimed Rs. 1.59 crores as the cost of rehabilitation of the damaged Bucket Wheel Excavator supplied by MAN. Taking into consideration relevant factors like the money spent by MAN on the rehabilitation and withdrawal by MAN of their claim of DM 1.7255 million from NLC, an amount of Rs. 96 lakhs was realised from MAN in full and final settlement of NLC's claim.

(c) For supply of spreaders for the second mine expansion project, DM 18,534,670 have been paid to MAN and Rs. 7,38,78,415 have been paid to WMI so far. These payments include advance payments for supplies, erection supervision and testing, payments for material supply and coordination charges.

705. [*Transferred to the 10th May, 1988*]

Amalgamating the Sick Public Sector Units

706. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amalgamate the sick public sector units;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to put into effect?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.